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BETTY C. DILLON

FOR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO ICAO

REF: STATE 35275

1. EMBASSY TCO ON FEBRUARY 18 DISCUSSED CANDIDACY OF MRS. DILLON FOR ICAO SECRETARY GENERAL WITH LIC. JORGE PALACIOS TREVINO, GOM DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, FONOFF, AND LEFT AIDE MEMOIRE CONTAINING HER QUALIFICATIONS FOR POSITION.

2. PALACIOS SAID THIS WAS FIRST HE HAD HEARD OF HER CANDIDACY, BUT HE HAD RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF FRENCH CANDIDATE IN MIDDLE JANUARY, NOTING THAT "THEY WERE HERE FIRST". HE ALSO AWARE OF THIRD CANDIDATE, WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS FROM SENEGAL. ALSO HE NOTED THAT GOM HAD AN INFORMAL COMMITMENT TO OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT A LATIN AMERICAN CANDIDATE. HE RECALLED THAT A
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NICARAGUAN HAD BEEN MENTIONED, BUT NOTHING HAD JELLED YET.

3. IN SPITE OF PRELIMINARY MANEUVERING, GOM HAS NOT
YET CHOSEN ITS CANDIDATE, BUT WILL DO SO SHORTLY AND
WILL INFORM EMBASSY. AS IS USUAL IN THESE CASES, FONOFF
RELIES HEAVILY ON THE ADVICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
CIVIL AVIATION ING. JORGE RODRIGUEZ TORRES, FORMER
MEXICAN REPRESENTATIVE TO ICAO, AND A FERVENT BACKER
OF LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL SOLIDARITY. IF A STRONG LATIN
CANDIDATE EMERGES, MEXICO WILL IN ALL PROBABILITY SUPPORT
HIM OR HER.
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